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Provisional results of the South African Radio League National Field Day

The Committee has received 26 logs and 1 check log for the February leg of the National field Day. Thank you to those stations who submitted their logs using the MS Excel spreadsheet and not tampering with the formulae. Unfortunately there were logs that had to be re-scored due to tampering with the formulae.

The rules are quite clear about the name of your log - "your call sign NFD" - a number were received without the call sign! Obviously, the rules are not read.

Class A

- 1st Highway ARC, ZS5HAM, 155 880 points
- 2nd Welkom Radio Club, ZS4WRC, 79 200 points
- 3rd West Rand ARC, ZS6WR, 62 316 points
- 4th Sandringham Scout Group, ZS6SSG, 47 520 points
- 5th Sasolburg ARC, ZS4SRK, 45 468 points
- 6th Sandton ARC, ZS6STN, 22 008 points
- 7th East Rand Branch, ZS6ERB, 19 926 points
- 8th Northern Natal ARC, ZS5NAK, 14 160 points
- 9th Hibiscus Coast ARC, ZS5HAC, 9 600 points
- 10th Centurion ARC, ZS6CEN, 9 180 points
- 11th ZS2 Hammies, ZS2ZU, 5 460 points

Class C

- 1st Hugo Ras, ZS2HR, 960 points
- 2nd Lucas Swart, ZS6ACT, 600 points
- 3rd Magda Swart, ZS6MMS, 450 points

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www.sarl.org.za/hf_happenings.asp

March

- 3 - World Day of Prayer for Women
- 4 - World day of Prayer for Men
- CTARC Bumper Flea market**
- 5 - SARL Hamnet 40 m Contest**
- 8 to 14 - Scifest Africa, Grahamstown
- 11 and 12 - **SARL VHF/UHF Contest; RSGB Commonwealth Contest**
- 12 - Purim; Cape Town Cycle Tour
- 16 to 20 - Wild Trout Festival, Rhodes
- 17 - St Patrick's Day
- 17 to 19 - Lambert's Bay Kreeffees
- 20 - Autumn Equinox; School holiday
- 21 - Human Right's Day
- 25 and 26 - **CQ WPX SSB Contest**
- 27 - **Closing date Radio ZS April**
- 31 March to 9 April - Stars of Sandstone, Ficksburg
- 31 - All schools close

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Class D

1st Johan van Zijl, ZS4DZ, 36 144 points
2nd Geoff Lotz, ZR6XZ/1, 31 824 points
3rd Pieter Jacobs, V51PJ, 4 320 points

Class E

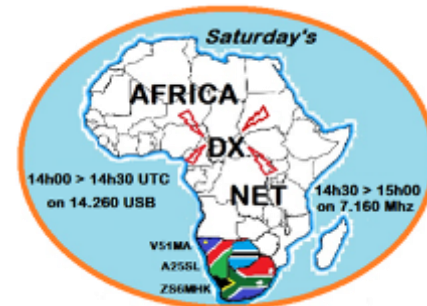
1st Dennis Green, ZS4BS, 8 748 points
2nd Eddie Leighton, ZS6BNE, 6 120 points

Class F

1st Pieter Jacobs, ZS6XT, 29 460 points
2nd Peter Hers, ZS1PHD, 2 100 points
3rd Roy Walsh, ZS3RW, 1 740 points
4th Gerrit van Vente, ZS6DV, 850 points
5th Nic van Duffelen, ZR6AEZ, 330 points
6th Stephan van Jaarsveld, ZS6SVJ, 300 points
7th Kurt Linsin, ZS5KL, 240 points
8th Bruce Dunn, ZS5XT, 20 points

Check log

Nick Dreyer, ZS6NCK



St Patricks Day 2017 on Air

The worldwide St Patricks Day celebrations are nearly upon us. Once again it is hoped to turn the bands green as part of the St Patrick Award on 17 and 18 March. Whether as an official station or a chaser why not join the celebrations and go green. For more information go to <http://stpatrickaward.webs.com/>

African Islands

IOTA frequencies

CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz
SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz

Canary Islands, EA8. Javier/EA1FDI will be active in the ARRL SSB contest as ED8W. QSL via LoTW.

Chagos, VQ9. Jeremy, N1ZZZ, will once again try to be active as VQ9ZZ from Diego Garcia (AF-006) sometime between late April and mid-June (subject to change). He was there in December, but did not operate and states, "I have renewed my VQ9ZZ license, but since the club shack is gone, I didn't get to work from the island this trip. I am hoping to bring the proper equipment for some 'field day' style operating in April 2017.... The club station (VQ9X) has dismantled a few years ago, so the few of us left to operate there have to bring portable set ups ashore which makes for challenging operating conditions, especially with the bands such as they are." He informs OPDX that he will operate this time on 20 and 17 metres, SSB and various low power Digital modes using a Icom IC-7100 transceiver with wire vertical antenna. There may be some operations as VQ9ZZ/MM (not for DXCC credit) from the ship when underway using same modes/bands and better antenna. QSL via his home call sign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

African DX

Lesotho, 7P8 (Update/QRT). Gene, K5GS, sent out the following press release on 22 February, for Pista, HA5AO, who was active as 7P8EUDXF from Lesotho for humanitarian purposes during the month of February [edited]: Pista, HA5AO, is operating from the Molangoane Lodge, near Ha Ntsi. The lodge is located on a plateau with no high mountains nearby. The take off to the N and NW it is clear. The NE to JA is slightly blocked by a mountain, but it is far enough away to not cause too much of a problem. He is using a K3 with KPA 500. The antenna is a wire vertical on a 10 metre fiberglass pole with a remote controlled SGC 250 auto tuner. There are 12 x 10,5 metre radials with a copper ground rod. It can be tuned from 80 to 10 m, sorry no TB capability this trip due to high noise levels. The noise is s6 s9 on the low bands making the copy impossible and s3 s5 on the higher bands where copy is difficult. RFI is not a problem, at least no complaints from the lodge management. He received a Busted call request claiming QSOs on 20 February between 15:10 and 16:27. He was not operating at that time, probably a pirate. He is operating in his free time from the orphanage project. The last operating time will be this Saturday morning when he will disassemble the station. He departs for Budapest on Sunday morning. The log is at <http://ha5ao.com>, Log search and OQRS

Tanzania, 5H. Maurizio, IK2GZU, will be active again as 5H3MB from Ilembula, Tanzania between 14 March and 12 April, while doing volunteer work for the local mission. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW and eQSL; traditional cards via IK2GZU (direct or bureau).

Ceuta and Melilla, EA9. Nobu, JA0JHQ, will be active as EA9/JA0JHQ from Melilla between 20 and 21 March. Activity will be on mainly on 17 and 15 metres, possibly 40 and 30 metres, on CW and RTTY, using a TS-480HX (w/100 w) into a Micro-vertical (2,5 m pole on the balcony). Log will be posted to ClubLog daily. QSL via JA0JHQ, direct, by the Bureau and LoTW (after his return). For more details and updates, see <http://pandasan.jimdo.com>

Ghana, 9G. The Six G Team (Bob, 5B4AGN, Steve, G3VMW, Alan, G3XAO, Fred, G4BWP, Neil, G6MC, Iain, M0PCB) will operate as 9G5X between 7 and 21 March with 3 stations on 160 to 10 m (CW, SSB, RTTY). QSL via M0OXO, LoTW; do not send via bureau please.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 20 to 27 February 2017

QRP Fox Hunt

02:00 - 03:30 UTC 1 March

Geographic Focus: United States

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 40 m Only

Classes: Single Op - fox or hound

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 2 March 2017

E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

Phone Fray

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 1 March

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 3 March 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.perluma.com/>

[Phone Fray Contest Rules.pdf](#)

CWops Mini-CWT Test

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 1 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 2 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts, LP: 100 watts, QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 4 March 2017

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html>

UKEICC 80 m Contest

20:00 - 21:00 UTC 1 March

Geographic Focus: Europe

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op Connected - QRP, low or high; Single Op Unconnected - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: 4-Character grid square

QSO Points: 1 point per 500 km; multiply QSO points by 2 if low power station; multiply QSO points by 4 if QRP station

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 22:00 UTC 1 March 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <http://logs.ukaiccc.com/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ukaiccc.com/which-contest/which-contest-ukeicc-80-m-contests-rules>

NRAU 10 m Activity Contest

18:00 - 19:00 UTC (CW), 19:00 - 20:00 UTC (SSB), 20:00 - 21:00 UTC (FM) and 21:00 - 22:00 UTC 2 March (Dig)

Geographic Focus: Nordic Europe

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB, FM, Digital

Bands: 10 m Only

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RS(T) and 6-character grid square

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 16 March 2017

Upload log at: http://ua9qcq.com/en/submit_log.php?lang=en

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.nrau.net/activity-contests/below-30mhz.html>

NCCC RTTY Sprint

01:45 - 02:15 UTC 3 March

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: RTTY

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 5 March 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html>

QRP Fox Hunt

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02:00 - 03:30 UTC 3 March

Geographic Focus: United States

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op - fox or hound

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 4 March 2017

E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 3 March

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 5 March 2017

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

ARRL International DX SSB Contest

00:00 UTC 4 March to 24:00 UTC 5 March

Geographic Focus: United States/Canada

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band; Single Op Unlimited - low or high; Multi-Single - low or high; Multi-Two; Multi-Multi

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: W/VE: RS and - state or province; non-W/VE: RS and power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 3 points per QSO

Multipliers: W/VE: Each DXCC country once per band; Non-W/VE: Each state, District of Columbia, VE province/territory once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 4 April 2017

E-mail logs to: DXPhone@arrl.org

Upload log at: <http://contest-log-submission.arrl.org>

Mail logs to: ARRL Intl DX Contest, Phone, ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>

Wake-Up! QRP Sprint

06:00 – 06:29 UTC, 06:30 – 06:59 UTC, 07:00 – 07:29 UTC and 07:30 - 08:00 UTC 4 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 40, 20 m

Classes: (none)

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, serial no and suffix of previous QSO ("QRP" for 1st QSO)

Work stations: Once per band per period

QSO Points: 1 point per km

Multipliers: 1 point per new station worked on each band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total multiplier points

Submit logs by: 11 March 2017

E-mail logs to: ru-qrp-club@mail.ru

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://qrp.ru/contest/wakeup/333-wakeup-eng>

Open Ukraine RTTY Championship

18:00 – 20:59 UTC (Low Band), 21:00 - 23:59 UTC 4 March (Low Band), 08:00 – 10:59 UTC (High Band) and 11:00 – 13:59 UTC 5 March (High Band)

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op Multi-Band; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op Multi-Band

Exchange: 2-letter regional abbreviation – state, province, canton, etc.) and serial no (restart serial no for high band)

Work stations: Once per band per period

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO; 10 points per new region once per band per period

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total points

Submit logs by: 20 March 2017

E-mail logs to: krs@model.poltava.ua

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://krs.ho.ua/openrtty/>

UBA Spring CW Contest

07:00 - 11:00 UTC 5 March

Geographic Focus: Belgium

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single; SWL

Max power: non-QRP: >5 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: ON: RST, serial no and UBA Section; non-ON: RST and serial no

QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with Belgian station

Multipliers: Each UBA Section

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 19 March 2017

E-mail logs to: ubaspring@uba.be

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.uba.be/hf/contest-rules/spring-contest>

DARC 10-Metre Digital Contest

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11:00 - 17:00 UTC 5 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: RTTY, Amtor, Clover, PSK31, Pactor

Bands: 10 m Only

Classes: Single Op; SWL

Exchange: RST and serial no

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each WAE/DCXX area; Each JA/W/VE call area

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 20 March 2017

E-mail logs to: do1npf@dark.de

Mail logs to: Peter Frank, DO1NPF, Postfach 11 19, 90515 Altdorf, Germany

Find rules at: <http://www.darc.de/referate/ukw-funksport/corona/teilnahmebedingungen/>

NSARA Contest

12:00 - 16:00 UTC and 18:00 - 22:00 UTC 5 March

Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB, Digital

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Transmitter – CW, SSB, digital or mixed

Exchange: Nova Scotia: RS(T) and county; non-NS: RS(T)

Work stations: Once per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Nova Scotia counties once per mode

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 4 April 2017

E-mail logs to: ve1pjs@rac.ca

Mail logs to: Peter J. Surette, VE1PJS, 48 Birch St., Truro, Nova Scotia B2N 4X2, Canada

Find rules at: http://nsara.ve1cfy.net/?page_id=82

SARL Hamnet 40 m Simulated Emergency Contest

12:00 - 14:00 UTC 5 March

Geographic Focus: Southern Africa

Participation: Southern Africa

Awards: Southern Africa

Mode: SSB

Bands: 40 m Only

Classes: A: Single Op Stationary Mobile; B: Single Op Portable; C: Multi-Op Portable; D: Single Op Base Station

Exchange: Class A: RS and serial no (starting with 201); Class B: RS and serial no (starting with 401); Class C: RS and serial no (starting with 601); Class D: RS and serial no (starting with 801); Non-participants: RS and serial no (starting with 001)

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 12 March 2017

E-mail logs to: contest@peham.co.za

Mail logs to: Hamnet Eastern Cape, Al Akers, ZS2U, 53 Clarence Street, Westering, Port Elizabeth 6025, South Africa

Find rules at: <http://www.sarl.org.za/Web3/Members/DoDocDownload.aspx?X=20161222085537waqSliCvbT.PDF>

RSGB 80 m Club Championship, Data

20:00 – 21:30 UTC 6 March

Geographic Focus: United Kingdom

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: United Kingdom

Mode: RTTY, PSK

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RST and serial no

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 7 March 2017

Upload log at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2017/r80mcc.shtml>

Next Week's Contests

ARS Spartan Sprint, 02:00 - 04:00 UTC 7 March

AGCW YL-CW Party, 19:00 - 21:00 UTC 7 March

QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 8 March

Phone Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 8 March

CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 8 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 9 March

AWA John Rollins Memorial DX Contest, 23:00 UTC 8 March to 23:00 UTC 9 March and 23:00 UTC 11 March to 23:00 UTC 12 March

NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 10 March

QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 10 March

NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 10 March

SARL VHF/UHF Analogue/Digital Contest, 10:00 UTC 11 March to 10:00 UTC 12 March

RSGB Commonwealth Contest, 10:00 UTC 11 March to 10:00 UTC 12 March

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon, 12:00 UTC 11 March to 24:00 UTC 12 March

F9AA Cup, SSB, 12:00 UTC 11 March to 12:00 UTC 12 March

South America 10 Metre Contest, 12:00 UTC 11 March to 12:00 UTC 12 March

AGCW QRP Contest, 14:00 - 20:00 UTC 11 March

Oklahoma QSO Party, 14:00 UTC 11 March to 02:00 UTC 12 March and 14:00 - 20:00 UTC 12 March

Stew Perry Topband Challenge, 15:00 UTC 11 March to 15:00 UTC 12 March

EA PSK63 Contest, 16:00 UTC 11 March to 16:00 UTC 12 March

QCWA QSO Party, 18:00 UTC 11 March to 18:00 UTC 12 March

TESLA Memorial HF CW Contest, 18:00 UTC 11 March to 05:59 UTC 12 March

Idaho QSO Party, 19:00 UTC 11 March to 19:00 UTC 12 March

QRP ARCI Spring Thaw SSB Sprint, 20:00 - 23:59 UTC 11 March

North American Sprint, RTTY, 00:00 - 04:00 UTC 12 March

UBA Spring Contest, 2 m, 07:00 - 11:00 UTC 12 March

Wisconsin QSO Party, 18:00 UTC 12 March to 01:00 UTC 13 March

WAB 3,5 MHz Phone, 18:00 - 22:00 UTC 12 March